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1. Stalin-Kirk interview--US Ambassador Kirk in Moscow has reported that in the 15 August interview Stalin declared the Soviet Union has no intention of failing to fulfill its obligations under the Lend-Lease Agreement, but "would not be discriminated against" in comparison with other governments with Lend-Lease obligations. Stalin indicated that the USSR may have counter claims which must be considered; he added that if current negotiations in Washington bog down, he is prepared to intervene. Kirk further reports that neither Stalin nor Vyshinsky challenged his reference to Soviet jamming of the Voice of America as an established fact. Stalin professed slight information on the subject and said he would ask Foreign Minister Vyshinsky to deal with this problem. Kirk indicates that the tone of the interview was cordial throughout and that toward the close of the interview Stalin became more expansive, concluding with an offer to receive Kirk "without formality" at any time when he may consider it desirable to raise specific matters.
2. Dutch concerned over reports of Indonesian military activity--According to US Representative Cochran in The Hague, Netherlands officials have expressed their concern over reports of Indonesian military activities after the effective date of cease-fire and have warned that continued infiltration will undoubtedly precipitate armed clashes. Indonesian Republican Premier Hatta has informed Cochran he is convinced the alleged infiltration was not ordered by the top Republican army command and has urged Republican President Soekarno to avoid any moves in contravention of the cease-fire orders. Cochran has counseled both sides not to lose their heads, expressing the view that the next few days may be critical for the prospects of the Hague Round Table Conference.

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